

Remarks

Claims 1, 4-13, and 16-65 are pending. Claims 14-15 have been cancelled herein. Independent 1, 21, 37, 52, and 59 have been amended herein. Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the application and Claims 1, 4-13, and 16-65 based upon the Amendments and Remarks set forth herein.

Summary of Examiner Interview

Applicants would initially like to acknowledge, with appreciation, the helpful and constructive interview granted to the undersigned by Examiner Iwarere on March 16, 2010. As discussed during the interview, Applicants request reconsideration of independent Claims 1, 21, 37, 52, and 59, and the claims depending therefrom, in view of the Amendments and Remarks set forth herein, which Applicants consider to be a summary of the matters discussed during the interview as required by 37 CFR § 1.133(b).

All Claims Are Allowable over Cited Art

Claims 1, 4-14, 18-31, 35-47 and 51-65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 7,536,336 to Guinan ("Guinan") in view of U.S. Patent Number 7,319,986 by Praisner et al. (hereinafter "Praisner"). Additionally, Claims 15-17, 32-34 and 48-50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Guinan, Praisner in view of U.S. Patent Number 7,194,431 by Land et al (hereinafter "Land").

As discussed and agreed upon during the Examiner interview, the amendments set forth herein obviate the current rejections of the independent claims over the cited art of record. All dependent claims are allowable over the cited art for the same reasons each independent claim is allowable.

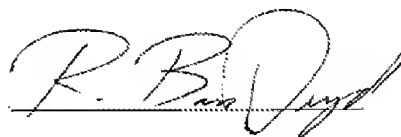
Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the application and Claims 1, 4-13, and 16-65 based upon the Amendments set forth herein. If the Examiner has any questions about the present Amendment or anticipates rejecting any claim of the present application, a telephone interview is requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing Amendments and Remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued in due course. Examiner Iwarere is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 13-4365.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Brian Drozd", written over a horizontal line.

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